

CRYING SHUTTERS

AL-V-A-039

Route 36, Wright's Crossing
ca. 1890

The Crying Shutters Frame House was built circa 1890 by Anton Strutz. The house meets the standards of a typical rural residence found in Allegany County being a "L" shaped, two story, frame structure. However, features that are atypical of the common style of frame houses in the county include a three sectional entrance bay, the louvered shutters and the chamfered columns with scrolled brackets supporting the porch roof. The structure continues to be used as a residence and remains virtually the same as it appeared eighty five years ago.

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Crying Shutters

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Route 36

CITY, TOWN

Wrights Crossing ☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ MUSEUM☐ COMMERCIAL☐ PARK☐ EDUCATIONAL☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ RELIGIOUS☐ GOVERNMENT☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ MILITARY☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Robert J. Groves

Telephone #: 774-6804

STREET & NUMBER

3273 Jones Road

CITY, TOWN

Woodbine,

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21797

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION

☐ EXCELLENT
☐ GOOD
☒ FAIR

☐ DETERIORATED
☐ RUINS
☐ UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

☐ UNALTERED
☒ ALTERED

CHECK ONE

☒ ORIGINAL SITE
☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

"Crying Shutters" is located on the east side of Route 36 in Frostburg, Allegany County.

"Crying Shutters" is a two story, five bay wide, rectangular structure that has been covered with weatherboard. Two frame additions are located on the west side of the building. The entire structure rests on a low foundation that is part cement block and part stone. The roof is gabled and is covered with tin with a boxed cornice and returns. Windows in the house are a combination of two over two and four over four lights with cornices and louvered shutters. The main entrance is located in a three sided entrance hall and includes a carved door with a window. This entrance is covered by a five bay hipped roof porch that is supported by scrolled brackets and chamfered columns. A second side entrance is also covered by a one bay entrance porch. Three original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the interior of the building.

"Crying Shutters" is in fair condition and retains much of its original fabric and appearance.

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES	ca. 1890	BUILDER/ARCHITECT	Anton Strutz
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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Crying Shutters frame house was built circa 1890 by Anton Strutz as a rather fashionable residence for his family. The structure is typical of the basic style of frame house found in Allegany County and more specifically the style of residence found in this portion of Route 36. The house was built at about the same time as several other residences immediately surrounding the structure, however; this house remains virtually the same as it was eighty five years ago. Features that are atypical of the common style of frame house in the County include the three sectional entrance orial, the louvered shutters and the chamfered columns with scrolled brackets supporting the porch roof.

The house is presently being used as a residence and because of the house retaining much of its original appearance, it is a cultural and architectural document of a way of life once found in Allegany County.

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MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY .503 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

12/7/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale.

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

INVENTORY NO. A1-V-A-039

DATE: 11/20/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Crying Shutters

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: Rt. 36

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: East

NAME OF OWNER: Robert Jr. Groves

ADDRESS:

3273 Jones Rd

Woodbine

M.D.

21797

STORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3() 4() 5(☒) 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS: rear shed roof + gable roof addition

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular)

WALL CONSTRUCTION:



- (☒) FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
- () BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
- () STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
- () LOG
- () Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE replaced CEMENT BLOCK

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

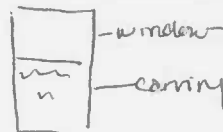
WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2(☒) 6/6(☒) 9/6() 9/9() other(☒) 4/4 cornice
covered shutters pegged () nailed () wide () narrow () mitred () pediment ()

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: East, South

HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal Boards



CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)

original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze,

Architrave

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, LANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, BOMERS #

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced()

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed() hip(☒) gable()

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 3 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original(☒) replaced()

LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end() Outside end() Central() Interior (☒)

ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

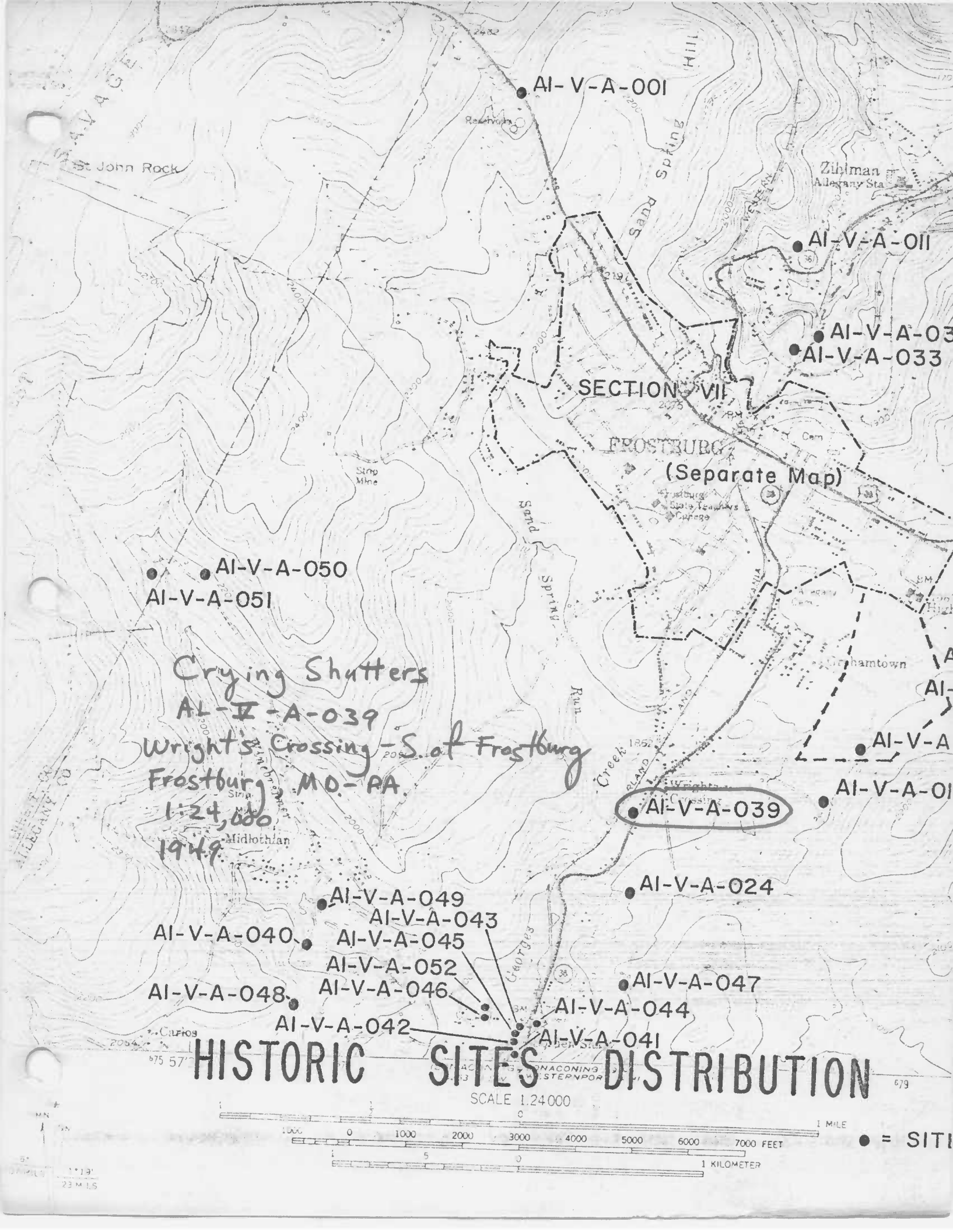
COMMENTS:

Use - residence

Significance - Arch

Date Constructed - 1890's Anton Strutz

Condition - Fair



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SECTION VII

FROSTBURG
(Separate Map)

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Wright's Crossing - S. of Frostburg
Frostburg, M.D. - PA.
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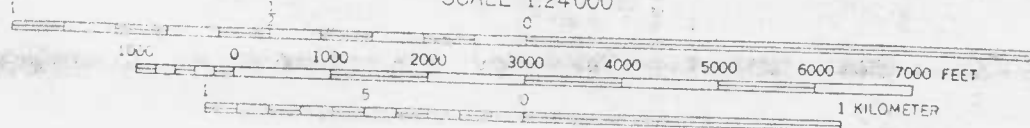
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SCALE 1:24,000



● = SITE



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Rt. 36, west side

Frostburg

11/20/76

John Nelson

northwest



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Crying Shutters

Rt. 36, west side

Frostburg

11/20/76

John Nelson

North East